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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi et al (2004/0000317) in view of Witkowski (6594927) and Song (6716487).

With regard to claims 1-6, Takahashi discloses an artificial fingernail (figs. 1 and 4) comprising a decorative element (50) being attached to a lower back end (28, bottom) of the artificial fingernail (paragraph 68, lines 3-4). Takahashi does not disclose the decorative element being a glitter sticker with first, second and third layers, the glitter having 4-8 wt% of the glitter based on 100 wt% of acrylic emulsion glue; and an adhesive of the sticker being acrylic emulsion glue and PVC solvent. Witkowski discloses a glitter sticker (col. 12, lines 9-10) attaching to a fingernail (col. 12, lines 50-53) comprising first, second and third layers (37, 36, 40 fig. 3) and the second layer (36) including glitter. Song discloses an adhesion sticker including acrylic emulsion glue and PVC solvent comprising 70-80 % of acrylic emulsion glue and 20-30% of PVC solvent using by a silkscreen-printing process (col. 3, line 43- col. 4, line 67). It would have been obvious to one having an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to

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employ the glitter sticker as taught by Witkowski into the artificial nail of Takahashi for the purpose of providing of decorative to the artificial fingernail, it would have been obvious to one having an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to construct the glitter having 4-8 wt% of the glitter based on 100 wt% of acrylic emulsion glue, since such a modification would have involved a mere change in the size of the component and it would also have been obvious to one having an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to employ the adhesion as taught by Song into the artificial fingernail of Takahashi and Witkowski for the purpose of providing excellent bonding and yet maintaining its elasticity as well.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Kim, Chang, Jang are cited to show the state of the art with respect to a decorative artificial nail and ornamental sticker using acrylic adhesion.

The drawings filed 07/30/03 have been approved by the Examiner.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robyn Doan whose telephone number is (571) 272-4711. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-6:00.

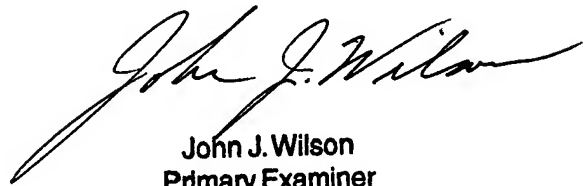
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Shaver can be reached on (571) 272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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April 13, 2005



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